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CONSTRUCTION OF KARYA KARNAPURA THERMAL POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether foundation stone for construction of Karya Karanpura Thermal Power Station in Jharkhand was laid in 1998;

(b) if so, whether NTPC has started the construction work on the said Thermal Power Station;

(c) if so, the progress made so far in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons for inordinate delay; and

(e) the time by which the construction work on the said Power Station is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : No, Sir. NTPC Limited is implementing North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project of 1980 MW capacity in Jharkhand State for which foundation stone was laid by Prime Minister of India on 6.03.1999.

Various site specific studies/investigations were undertaken and the Feasibility Report for North Karanpura Super thermal Power Project (3x660 MW) near Tandwa in Chatra and Hazaribagh districts was prepared in 2001. Subsequently, CMPDIL/Ministry of Coal advised about coal bearing area in the proposed plant layout and the locations of plant, ash dyke and township had to be revised to avoid the coal bearing area. To incorporate the above changes, Feasibility Report was revised and approval obtained from NTPC Board`s Sub-Committee in December, 2005. All key statutory clearances/commitments in respect of Power Plant including environment clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests have since been obtained. Land acquisition proceedings have been taken up. Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC) has extended JPY 15,916 million under Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) for the project.

For supply of water to the power project, State Government of Bihar/Jharkhand had agreed to construct Dam/Reservoir on Garhi river. Environment clearance for the Dam/Reservoir was received by the State Government in September, 2005. The work for dam/reservoir construction needs to be taken up by the State Government for completion matching with the power project requirement.

The Project is planned for benefits starting in XI Plan period.